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1. SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL CONVEYED
TO ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGADISH RANA MAY 23.
RANA WAS HIGHEST PRACTICAL LEVEL AT WHICH DEMARCHE
COULD BE MADE BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER IS FULLY OCCUPIED WITH
PARTICIPATION IN OBSERVATIONS OF BUDDHA JAYANTI AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER IS ACCOMPANYING THE KING DURING CURRENT
FAR EASTERN TOUR.

- 2. RANA LISTENED CAREFULLY, AGREED WITH POINTS I MADE ABOUT NEED FOR NEPAL, AS TROOP CONTRIBUTOR, TO URGE PLO LEADERSHIP TO RESTRAIN TROOPS FROM CHALLENGING UNIFIL AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER STATES WITH INFLUENCE WITH PLS TO DO THE SAME THING. HE SAID INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE ISSUED TO APPROPRIATE NEPALESE MISSIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: WHILE RANA HAS SAID THE RIGHT THING IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE, DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT HOLD ITS BREATH THAT ANYTHING POSITIVE WILL EMERGE FROM NEPALESE INITIATIVE.

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GON HAS DONE ITS BIT IN CONTRIBUTING TROOPS AND IT LACKS RESOURCES TO DO MORE THAN GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS ON FURTHER DEMARCH IN SUPPORT OF UNIFIL. ONLY NEPALESE MISSION IN NEAR EAST IS LOCATED IN CAIRO AND WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE NEPALESE AMBASSADOR MAY SAY SOMETHING TO EGYPTIANS, IT IS DOUBTFUL HE WILL DO MUCH MORE. HECK

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